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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 23, 2004:

ELECTION

Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-12, for further prosecution in the present 04/08/2005 application. This election is made without traverse, and in view of the Examiner's statements in 01 FC:2253 the Restriction/Requirement that the inventions of the Groups are related as combination and subcombination and are distinct because (1) the combination as claimed does not require the